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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
(IN RESPONSE TO THE MAY 31, 2005 OFFICE ACTION)

## Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on May 31, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application.